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**MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ
STRESSES BENEFITS OF EMINENT DOMAIN
IN PRESENTATION AT STATE CAPITOL**

WHEN: Wednesday, November 30, 2005 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Old Appropriations Room, State Capitol
Hartford

Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez will be a featured speaker for a UCONN presentation that analyzes the economic impact of eminent domain. Economists, professors, and researchers with a perspective on both sides of this highly charged issue would also be on hand. The presentation coincides with the release "The Connecticut Economy", an economic journal published by UCONN.

Back in September, Mayor Perez testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington D.C. on behalf of the National League of Cities on the effectiveness of eminent domain when it comes to urban economic development.

Mayor Perez has a strong stance on this issue that continues to be in the national spotlight. The Mayor says, "Once you strip away all the emotion, you can see how eminent domain can and has been used in a limited way, so that it can be an effective tool to spark neighborhood economic development, create jobs, and stabilize communities."

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